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Further to my submission on 19 June 2023 to The Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (the Department), I wish to make and reiterate the following points.

As time goes on, I am becoming increasingly stressed about the proposal.

Despite the considerations given for the development to be built on bushfire prone land, I am highly concerned about any potential increased bushfire risk that may result from the solar farm and itâ \in ^{IM}s battery storage facility. It is possible for the typical north westerly winds to drive any resultant fire straight towards my house, and surrounding residential area, which is approximately 850m from the site.

I fear that, due to the close proximity of the solar farm, I will face an increase in home insurance costs. As stated on the QBE Insurance website, home insurance premiums are impacted by the level of risk for your location, including bushfires- $\hat{a} \in \mathfrak{E}$ for example, an increased bushfire risk in a specific area may make a premium rise $\hat{a} \in \mathfrak{Z}$

https://www.qbe.com/au/news/home-insurance-premiums-calculated

With the current cost of living crisis, any increase my to my insurance premiums will have an adverse affect on my financial wellbeing.

I do not believe this is a suitable location for the solar farm due to the area being so prone to severe weather, including hailstorms. Over the past five years we have experienced several weather events resulting in significant hail damage our home. Any likely future storm may be capable of a similar level of damage to the solar panels. The last thing I want to see from my backyard is a damaged solar farm that is not functional due to hail damage.

I note that the Department is satisfied the development does not pose an unacceptable risk to the community or environment. This implies that there is still a risk and therefore I continue to be concerned about any potential health risks associated with the battery storage facility, particularly for my very young children. We frequently use the green space close to the site, and enjoy it, however this development will significantly lower my confidence that it can be utilised safely over the long term.

The proposed site is far too close to residences. While I do reside in another jurisdiction, borders should not discriminate, especially where it goes against NSW own requirement for solar farms to be 5km away from residential areas. In this light, I respectfully ask that the Independent Planning Commission review this with a fair and just perspective, regardless of whether the people affected reside in NSW or the ACT.

Thank you for your consideration.

19 June 2023



I do not support the proposed solar farm at Wallaroo.

I live in Dunlop and my home is approximately 850m from the proposed site. I chose this area to raise my family based on the natural outlook and amenities, sweeping views, fresh air, low noise levels and country appeal.

I have concerns about the impacts of the solar farm on the local community and environment.

I find it quite contradictory that the proposed site is 850m from my home, located in the ACT, whereas in NSW solar farms are required to be at least 5km away from residential areas.

The solar farm will create an eyesore for myself, my family, my neighbours and community. It will ruin the natural outlook and beauty of the area. The site is also in close proximity of the Bicentennial National Trail, which doesnâ \in ^{IM}t deserve to be impeded by 209 hectares of solar panels.

I have concerns for the environment of the site and surrounds; what it will do to the soil and vegetation/flora and fauna, including disruption to the Golden Sun Moth.

I am concerned about potential chemical and radiation exposure generated from the proposed battery storage facility, or from the solar panels themselves. There must be a reason many jurisdictions recommend living some distance away from solar farms. Who knows what the health implications will be from living 850m from 209 hectares of solar farm, and associated battery infrastructure, for 30 years or more.

I also believe this development will negatively impact property prices in the area. I have worked hard to buy a house and create a future for my family, and this should not be jeopardised by a solar farm so close to residences.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.